

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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Plaintiff,  
v.  
UR M JADDOU, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 24-cv-04167-JCS

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORTING  
DECLARATION**

Plaintiff in this immigration mandamus action has brought a motion to proceed under a pseudonym based on the assertion that disclosure of personal facts related to their asylum petition will be traumatic for Plaintiff and possibly place them in danger. Dkt. no. 3 (“Motion”). In general, the public’s common law right of access to judicial proceedings requires that a party’s identity be disclosed in federal court. *See Does I thru XXIII v. Advanced Textile Corp.*, 214 F.3d 1058, 1067 (9th Cir. 2000). Under special circumstances, however, a party may be permitted to proceed under a pseudonym in federal court. *Id.* In order to determine whether Plaintiff meets the special circumstances requirement, the Court requires supporting evidence containing specific facts. Attorney argument in a motion does not constitute evidence. Accordingly, the Court requests that Plaintiff submit a sworn declaration, or other cognizable evidence, demonstrating that under the specific facts of this case, special circumstances justify permitting them to proceed under a pseudonym. Plaintiff may file any such evidence under seal following the procedure set forth in Civil Local Rule 79-5.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 12, 2024

  
JOSEPH C. SPERO  
United States Magistrate Judge

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